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## GENERAL FACULTY COUNCIL

The following note on the General Faculty Council may be of interest to those who wish to attend its meetings, or make representations before it.

The Council is the senior body responsible for academic affairs at the University and its powers are given in detail in The Universities Act, Section 34. The Act provides for *ex officio*, elected, and appointed members of the Council. The *ex officio* members are the President, the Vice-Presidents, the Dean of each Faculty, the Director of each School, the Librarian, the Director of Extension, and the Registrar. The elected members are elected by the Faculty and School Councils in proportion to the numbers of full-time academic staff in the Faculties and Schools. The appointed members are named by the *ex officio* and elected members.

statute there are twice as many elected as *ex officio* members, and the Council agreed in 1966 that the number of appointed members should not exceed half that of the *ex officio* members. This ensures that the elected members are in the majority.

Meetings are usually held monthly from September to May, on the last Monday of the month. Copies of the agenda are distributed about a week before the meeting to members of the academic staff, to the Students' Union, and to the Graduate Students' Association. In 1968 the Council agreed that its meetings should be open to the public, except for those previously designated as to be held in camera. The admission of visitors is on a first-come, first-served basis, to the limit of available space in the visitors' gallery of the Council Chamber. If a person wishes to attend a meeting of the Council, he should contact A. L. DARLING, Assistant to the Registrar (telephone 3644), for an admission ticket.

Visitors to meetings do not have the right to speak, but any person having a special interest in some item on the agenda may be invited by or may apply to the Executive Committee to attend, and, with the approval of the Executive Committee, shall have the right to make representation to Council. People attending meetings are expected to be present before the meeting is scheduled to start so that the proceedings will not be interrupted.



*This is the Murray Louis Dance Company in action. They will be appearing at 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 16, at the Jubilee Auditorium in a performance organized by the Faculty of Physical Education. Tickets are available at the SUB Box Office, the Celebrity Box Office in the Bay, and the Physical Education Office, for \$3, \$2, and \$1.*

## PEOPLE

MERVYN J. HUSTON, Dean of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, returned to the campus after a busy summer concluding his year as President of the 8,000-member Canadian Pharmaceutical Association. During the general meetings of the Association in St. John's, Newfoundland, Dr. Huston was elected President of the Canadian Foundation for the Advancement of Pharmacy. He also attended the inaugural meeting of the Commonwealth Pharmaceutical Conference in London as the Canadian delegate, where he was elected to the Association's Council as representative for the Commonwealth countries of North and South America; the meeting of the Council of the Federation International

Pharmaceutique in Bucharest; and the Scientific Congress of the same organization in London.

ROBERT V. BLACKMORE, Chairman of the Department of Research and Graduate Studies in the Faculty of Dentistry, has been invited to attend the National Health Manpower Conference in Ottawa from October 7 to 10. The Conference, which will be attended by 200 Canadians, is the first of its kind in Canada and has been called jointly by the Department of National Health and Welfare and the Association of the Universities and Colleges of Canada. Outstanding speakers from Canada and the United States will discuss programs for improving the human resources of Canada in the health and health-related fields.



## Max Wyman, President

*Dr. Wyman will be installed as the University's seventh President on Monday, October 6. The following story is being published simultaneously in The New Trail, the University's alumni magazine.*

*By E. S. Keeping*

After more than sixty years of existence, The University of Alberta has as its new President one of its own alumni, a distinguished scholar and an able administrator. The previously untried democratic procedure of appointing a selection committee representative of Board, faculty, students, and alumni seems to have amply justified itself in a choice which has met with widespread approval.

MAX WYMAN was born in Lethbridge, Alberta, in 1916, the son of Russian-Jewish immigrants. His father had a very limited formal education but appreciated the benefits of education for his children. Max attended Strathcona High School and entered the University in 1932, embarking on what was then a five-year honors program in mathematics.

I myself was rather new at the University in those days, having arrived from England in 1929. Max has confessed that he found my English accent difficult to

understand at first. However, he acquired a foundation of elementary calculus and differential equations which stood him in good stead in his later work. He proved an excellent examinee. Having won University of Alberta Honor Prizes every year for five consecutive years, he graduated in 1937 with first-class honors in mathematics, the James Ramsay Gold Medal in mathematics, and the Governor-General's Gold Medal. Such a student was obviously cut out for a brilliant academic career, but at that time the Department was not equipped to give higher degrees. We had only an occasional M.Sc. student and no Ph.D. candidates—in fact, the University gave its first Ph.D. many years later—so that it was natural to encourage Wyman to go to the States for post-graduate work. He went to the California Institute of Technology and obtained his Ph.D. degree (*magna cum laude*) in 1940, only three years from the bachelor's degree.

During his student days, Max Wyman was an active member of the Mathematics Club, which was then a joint student-faculty affair. He gave papers on the mathematics of games of chance and on mortality tables, and was President of the club in 1936-37. Sometimes the meeting would be a tournament of mathematical games such as "nim," and Max would get first prize. As early as 1934 he was chairman of a committee to arrange the annual Mathematics Club banquet over-town, and this was probably the first of the almost endless sequence of departmental and University committees of which he has been a chairman or member.

After graduating from Cal Tech, where he held a teaching fellowship, Dr. Wyman was employed by the National Research Council of Canada as a munitions gauge inspector from 1940 to 1943, with an interlude as lecturer at the University of Saskatchewan in 1941-42. In 1943 he returned to his alma mater as a lecturer, and began his duties at the Summer Session. The Department then consisted, as it had done since 1929, of only four members, with E. W. SHELDON as Head, Professors J. W. CAMPBELL, A. J. COOK, and myself. It was strongly oriented towards applied mathematics, Dr. Sheldon being interested in statistics, Dr. Campbell in mechanics and astronomy, and I in theoretical physics and probability. Dr. Wyman contributed an interest in analysis and special functions, and Dr. Cook was a geometer, but the Department was notably weak in algebra, topology, and other branches of pure mathematics.

Soon after Dr. Wyman's arrival, the Department began the expansion which has continued until the present time, when it contains about 45 full-time members and about 85 graduate students. He himself proceeded steadily through the various academic grades, becoming a full Professor in 1956, and Head of the Department on my own retirement in 1961. As Head he displayed a gift for administration and organization, and the ability to delegate responsibility to others, which is an important element in success.

Throughout the period of his association with the

Department, he combined active research with conscientious teaching. He produced a long succession of papers dealing with Einstein's field equations in general relativity and with asymptotic series and special functions. His uncanny ability to solve differential equations led to new results in field theory. It became axiomatic around the Department that the best way to solve a tough differential equation was to ask Max Wyman to look at it.

Even after he became Dean of Science in 1963 and Academic Vice-President in 1964, and so was largely lost to teaching, he managed to save an early morning hour for mathematics. During such moments, snatched from the ever more pressing commitments of administration, he is writing a book on asymptotic expansions.

Dr. Wyman's achievements soon brought him national recognition. In 1951 he was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, and was an editor of the Canadian Journal of Mathematics for several years. In the Canadian Mathematical Congress, which was organized in 1945 to bring together Canadian mathematicians and to encourage research, he occupied various executive positions, culminating in the Presidency in 1963-65. As a member of the National Research Council of Canada since 1967, he is in a strong position to urge the effective financial support of mathematics in this country.

Dr. Wyman has never let his enthusiasm for research dominate his interest in education. An effective lecturer himself, he devoted considerable time to committees of the Provincial Department of Education dealing with the mathematics curriculum in the schools. In 1950 the University held a Summer Institute for Modern Mathematics in July and August, and Dr. Wyman was one of the instructors. It was a pioneer effort to get some of the senior and more influential mathematics teachers interested in what is now often called "the new mathematics" (new about 150 years ago!).

Among other activities he acted as President of the Royal Astronomical Society (Edmonton Centre) one year, and as chairman of the Salary Committee of the Association of Academic Staff for four years, 1958 to 1962. His head for figures and his calm and reasonable attitude proved useful in the sometimes rather delicate negotiations with the Board of Governors over financial matters.

In 1940, the year that he completed his doctorate, Max married ADELINE FEFFERMAN. Many members of the Department, and many friends outside it, have reason to remember the gracious hospitality which the Wymans dispensed so freely at their beautiful home in Valleyview, in west Edmonton. They had one daughter, Karen, now married and living in California. Addie's sudden death last year, following a heart attack, was a great loss and shock to Max.

Dr. Wyman now succeeds to the highest academic position in the University. As he said in bidding farewell at Convocation to his predecessor, WALTER JOHNS was probably the last President to concern himself with every facet of the University's activities. The job is becoming too big

for that, and the various Vice-Presidents and other administrative officers must assume more and more responsibility. But no one doubts that Dr. Wyman will give effective leadership. In these days of educational ferment and student activism, it requires some courage to take on the presidency of a big university. Several good men elsewhere have resigned rather than face the problems they see ahead. Fortunately the indications are that Alberta will be relatively calm.

Bon voyage, Max !

*E. S. KEEPING, who prepared this sketch of his colleague and former student, joined the University staff in 1929. Born in England in 1895, he studied at the University of London and at Imperial College, London, and is an Associate of the Royal College of Science. From 1954 to 1961, he was Head of the Department of Mathematics. Although he officially retired in 1961, Professor Keeping remains one of the University's most active Professors Emeritus.*



*Above, with  
Dr. Bradley,  
Chairman of the  
Board of Governors*

## CORRECTION

An announcement of the appointment of GORDON A. HOLMES as Research Grants Officer appeared in FOLIO, September 11, 1969.

Mr. Holmes has drawn our attention to the fact that he holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree and a Diploma (not a Masters degree) in Management and Business Administration from McGill University. He is also an Associate (A.C.I.S.) of The Chartered Institute of Secretaries.

## BOOKS

ERNEST G. GRIFFIN, Associate Professor of English, recently published *John Middleton Murry* in Twayne's *English Authors Series*. Although Murry's name is usually connected with that of his wife, Katherine Mansfield, and that of his long-time intimate friend, D. H. Lawrence, Dr. Griffin is concerned with showing the importance of Murry himself as a literary critic and to evaluate his contribution to English literature.

The first book published under the imprint of the University of Alberta Press is *Mobile Bed Fluviology*, by THOMAS BLENCH, Professor of Civil Engineering. This is the second edition of the book, and, like the first, concerns the behavior of natural and artificial streams that form themselves in their transported sediment. Two chapters have been enlarged and re-written, and there are more illustrations and references; the additions arising from recent important co-ordination within mobile bed hydraulics, and particularly significant for rivers and models.

## COMING EVENTS

### KATIMAVIK INTERNATIONAL

Katimavik International, sponsored by the Women's Faculty Club, welcomes the wives of students and faculty members. Commencing October 9, meetings will be held on Thursdays from 2 to 4 p.m. in Metropolitan

United Church, 83 Avenue and 109 Street. The program includes instruction in basic English, films, bridge, and other entertainment and social events. Assistance with transportation is provided where possible. Further information may be obtained from the Foreign Student Office, local 3483.

### PHYSICAL EDUCATION LECTURER

URIEL SIMRI, Scientific Director of the Wingate Institute of Israel, will give a public lecture at 12 noon on Monday, October 6 in Henry Marshall Tory Building, LB-1. His topic will be "Beginnings of the Modern Olympic Games." Dr. Simri will also give three other addresses on "Physical Education in Ancient and Modern Israel," "Physical Education—a Comparative Analysis of the U.S.A., the Far East, England, and Israel," and "The Religious and Magical Functions of Ball Games in Various Cultures."

Further information may be obtained from local 3615.

### GUILES LECTURE

Playwright and biographer FRED GUILES, author of *Norma Jean*, the biography of Marilyn Monroe, will deliver a public lecture on Thursday, October 16, in the Students' Union Building Theatre. Mr. Guiles, who is now engaged in writing the biography of Marion Davies, will speak on his own work and the problems of biographers in general. On the morning of Friday, October 17, he will hold a seminar in the Department of Drama, and in the afternoon, a seminar in the Department of English.

### DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC CONCERTS

Three free public concerts will be presented in Convocation Hall during October. On Sunday, October 12, at 8:30 p.m., ERNESTO LEJANO, Assistant Professor of Music, and MARY COCKELL will present a violin and piano recital.

On Friday, October 17 at 8:30 p.m., the

newly-formed St. Cecelia Chamber Orchestra of the Department of Music, conducted by MICHAEL BOWIE, Assistant Professor of Music, will present the first of a series of concerts.

On Sunday, October 19, at 8:30 p.m., HALMUT BRAUSS, Associate Professor of Music, will present a piano recital.

### BOREAL CIRCLE

The first Boreal Circle meeting of the 1969-70 season will be held on Tuesday, October 14, at 9 p.m. in the Faculty Lounge on the tenth floor of the Education Building. The program will consist of a panel discussion on "Conservation Problems in the North," and will be chaired by F. FRASER DARLING, Vice-President of the Conservation Foundation of Newbury, Berkshire, England. Noted scientists from Alaska, Denmark, England, Greenland, and the Yukon will participate. Refreshments will be served and everyone is welcome.

## PERSONAL NOTICES

*Staff members may forward notices to reach the Editor by 9 a.m. the Friday prior to publication. They must be typed, and not exceed 35 words including heading. Advertisements received will be published at the Editor's discretion.*

FOR SALE—Four-room lakeshore cottage at Hastings Lake. Large stone fireplace. One acre of land on north shore. \$4,500. Local 3449, or 439-8354.

FOR SALE—Three-bedroom Alcan bungalow. Two full baths. Fireplace. Fully carpeted, landscaped, and fenced. Greenfield area. One year old. 8 1/4 per cent mortgage. Local 4148, or 435-1620.

FOR RENT—Two-bedroom furnished house near Sherwood Park. Fully equipped. \$225 per month. Available from November to April, 1970. 699-5005.

FOR RENT—Will sublet furnished apartment from January to April. Two bedrooms. On bus line close to University. No children. 434-4969.

FOR RENT—Two-bedroom bungalow in Windsor Park. Rumpus room and two extra bedrooms in the basement. Available November 1. 439-4207.

FOR SALE—1968 Vauxhall Viva. 5,500 miles. Excellent condition. 433-0929.

FOR SALE—1969 Comet sports coupe. two-door hardtop. British racing green. Radio. Block Heater. 439-3742 between 4 and 7 p.m.

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